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FYI - for quicker review did not upload to ECM.

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TMDL comments both oral and written submitted by Grassroots Coalition and John Davis have not had meaningful response by USEPA.

It has been unclear as to process regarding the USEPA TMDL and SWQRCB TMDL . All comments to USEPA are also applicable to SWQRCB.

Issues regarding bacterial levels and TMDLs should not be driven by potential construction of treatment wetlands- e.g.. the current proposals for deconstructing

Ballona Creek levies and constructing and creating a non historic estuarine system at Ballona Wetlands.

-No pollution/ bacteria levels should be allowed for in areas currently free of such contamination.

- Future potential dredging of Ballona areas should not be allowed to be contaminated with Ballona Creek contaminants in the water column, in sediments and surface trash and debris.

-Naturally occurring bacteria in wetlands still need further scientific review prior to decision making regarding the SWQRCB arbitrary and/or capricious determination of contaminant levels.

-Further public notice regarding Ballona and Malibu should be offered for full public input. There has been much confusion and lack of public outreach to inform the public regarding these important matters.
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